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World Class Athlete Program

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Army Olympian Profile: Spc. Michael “Mike” Kohn



**Men’s Bobsled
Driver/Two-Man &
Four-Man**

Date of birth:
May 26, 1972

Hometown:
Chantilly, Virginia

Military Occupation:
Infantryman

Military Rank:
Specialist E-4

2002 Winter Olympics Finish: Bronze Medal, 4-Man Bobsled

Spc. Mike Kohn was named to the U.S. Men's Bobsled Olympic Team to compete in the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, in the 4-man USA 2 Bobsled with driver Brian Shimer. Spc. Kohn’s athletic career highlights include five U.S. National Championship titles, nine World Cup top-20 finishes, and a bronze medal at the 2002 Winter Olympics.

An infantryman, Spc. Kohn is a member of the U.S. Army World Class Athlete program. He entered the Army on April 1, 1999, completing basic training at Fort Benning, Ga. in June 1999 and advanced individual training in July 1999. He is qualified “expert” in rifle and grenade. When he is not on active duty, he is a member of the Virginia National Guard.

He attended Chantilly High School in Chantilly, Va. and holds a bachelor of science degree in exercise physiology from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. A 6-foot-1, 200-pound track star in high school, he was approached by John Philbin, who led the U.S. Bobsled Team at the 1992 Olympics in Albertville, France. Kohn was the youngest member ever to compete in the Olympic Trials, where he finished 6th in 1992 at age 18.

Spc. Kohn says, “I joined the Army because I always wanted to be an infantry soldier.” He loves bobsled “because it’s exciting, dangerous and very competitive. I get pumped up for competition by listening to music.”

Kohn’s father, Henry, a retired Army major, spent 27 years in the Army including a tour in Vietnam, as well as Somalia, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His brother, who worked on the 60th floor of the World Trade Center, was absent from work on September 11, 2001. After hearing President Bush’s speech and talking with this father, he realized that representing his country at the Olympic Games was the most meaningful thing he could do as a soldier-athlete.

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